

Expressway standards from Camden County to NC 168 and improved to Boulevard standards from NC 168 to Dare County.

### **Land Use Patterns**

The 2006 Currituck County Land Use Plan indicates that there will be significant development along this corridor in the future, particularly near the site of the proposed Mid-Currituck Bridge.

### **Multi-modal Considerations**

The CTP includes recommendations for a bicycle facility along portions of US 158. Wide shoulders for bicycles are proposed from the south end of Poplar Branch Road (SR 1131). However, this multi-modal feature does not significantly impact the traffic demand along this facility.

## **NC 168 Proposed improvements from Virginia to US 158, Local ID: CURR0002-H**

### **Identified Problem**

Existing NC 168 is currently a 5-lane boulevard from the Virginia line to US 158. This facility is projected to exceed capacity by 2035 from the Virginia line to Survey Road (SR 1215) and to approach capacity by 2035 from Survey Road (SR 1215) to NC 34. There is significant congestion on this facility during the summer tourist season. The primary purpose of improving NC 168 is to relieve congestion on the existing facility such that a minimum of LOS D can be achieved and to improve mobility of the facility through Currituck County, consistent with the North Carolina Strategic Highway Corridor (SHC) Vision Plan.

### **Justification of Need**

NC 168 is a major north-south corridor in Currituck County, connecting the Hampton Roads area of Virginia with Currituck County. The facility is a vital artery in moving people and goods through North Carolina, connecting Virginia and other points north with the coastal region of North Carolina.

NC 168 is currently a 5-lane boulevard from the Virginia line to US 158. The entire facility is ultimately envisioned to be a boulevard, based on the SHC Vision Plan.

### **Community Vision and Problem History**

Currently, NC 168 is a 5-lane boulevard from Virginia to US 158. The facility is used heavily by tourists travelling to the Outer Banks. Residents who live in the northern portion of Currituck County use this facility to access jobs and other amenities throughout the area. The continuous middle turn lane creates potential safety problems at various at-grade intersections as well as at many private access roads.